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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers
Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING

January 1, 2002

December 31, 2002

MM/DD/YR

MM/DD/YR

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Liberty Group, LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

3923 Grand Avenue

(No. and Street)

Oakland

CA

94610

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

David Hollander

(510) 658-1880

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this report*

Harb, Levy & Weiland LLP

(Name - if individual, state, last, first, middle name)

100 Spear Street, 10th Floor

San Francisco

CA

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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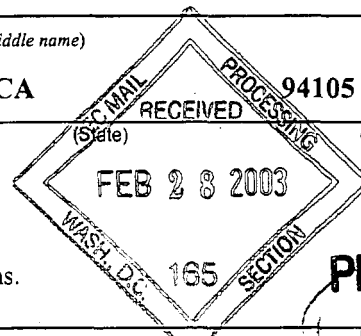
Certified Public Accountant



Public Accountant



Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.



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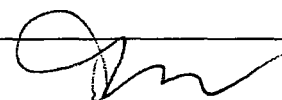
*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, David Hollander, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompany financial statements and supporting schedules pertain to the firm of Liberty Group, LLC, as of December 31, 2002, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

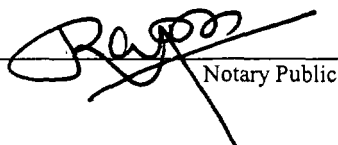
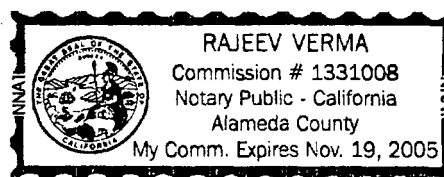


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Signature

Managing Member

Title


Notary Public

This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Operations.
- ☒ (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Members' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☒ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (j) A reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☒ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

** For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

LIBERTY GROUP, LLC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING
SCHEDULES AND AUDITORS' REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2002



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of
Liberty Group, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Liberty Group, LLC as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Liberty Group, LLC as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I, II, III and IV is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

San Francisco, California
February 7, 2003

Harb, Levy + Weiland LLP

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Liberty Group, LLC
Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2002

Assets

Cash	\$ 51,710
Commissions receivable	44,293
Furniture and office equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,848)	5,202
Other	<u>3,209</u>
	<u>\$ 104,414</u>

Liabilities and Members' Equity

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 38,948
Members' equity	<u>65,466</u>
	<u>\$ 104,414</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

Liberty Group, LLC
Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Revenues:

Commissions	\$ 584,309
Investment advisory fees	90,075
Other income	<u>192</u>
	<u>674,576</u>

Expenses:

Commissions	440,197
Employee compensation and benefits	82,086
General and administrative	23,313
Taxes, licenses and regulatory	22,090
Insurance	15,102
Professional services	5,000
Depreciation	<u>1,308</u>
	<u>589,096</u>

Net income	<u>\$ 85,480</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements

Liberty Group, LLC
Statement of Changes in Members' Equity
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Balance, December 31, 2001	\$ 41,501
Distributions	(61,515)
Net income	<u>85,480</u>
Balance, December 31, 2002	<u><u>\$ 65,466</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

Liberty Group, LLC
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Net income \$ 85,480

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash
provided by operating activities:

Depreciation	1,308
Increase in commissions receivable	(38,462)
Increase in other asset	(3,209)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>30,369</u>

Total adjustments (9,994)

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities 75,486

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

Capital distributions (61,515)

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities (61,515)

Net Increase in Cash 13,971

Cash, beginning of year 37,739

Cash, end of year \$ 51,710

See accompanying notes to financial statements

Liberty Group, LLC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2002

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Business

Liberty Group, LLC (the Company) is a California limited liability company formed on March 11, 1999. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a fully disclosed broker/dealer and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers. The Company is also the general partner of Wildwood Aggressive Growth Fund, L.P., (the Fund) a private securities investment partnership, from which it also receives management and incentive fees.

As a limited liability company, each members' liability is limited to amounts reflected in their respective member's account.

Cash

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company also maintains cash in a money market account with its clearing organization which is not federally insured. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts, and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Furniture and Office Equipment

Furniture and office equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed under the straight-line method using estimated useful lives of 5 to 7 years.

Revenue Recognition

Commission revenue and related expenses arising from securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Investment advisory fees are recorded quarterly at the beginning of the quarter. Asset-based management fees and incentive fees are recognized when services are provided in accordance with the terms of the Fund's Limited Partnership Agreement.

Income Taxes

No provision for federal or California income taxes has been made since the Company's income is allocated to individual members for inclusion in their respective income tax returns. California imposes LLC fees on gross receipts and the Company has made a provision of \$2,500 for such fees, which is included in taxes, licenses and regulatory in the statement of operations.

Liberty Group, LLC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2002

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

2. Related Party Transactions

The Company carries out operations from office premises owned by the Managing Member. No rent is charged by the Managing Member for use of the premises.

The Company received management fees totaling \$10,594 from Wildwood Aggressive Growth Fund, L.P. during the year. An affiliate of the Managing Member is a limited partner in the Fund. No incentive fee was earned from the Fund in 2002.

3. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital of \$56,603, which was \$51,603 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 0.688 to 1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER: Liberty Group, LLC

as of December 31, 2002

1. Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition.....	\$ 65,466	3480
2. Deduct ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital.....	(-)	3490
3. Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital.....	65,466	3500
4. Add:		
A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital.....	-	3520
B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List).....	-	3525
5. Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities.....	\$ 65,466	3530
6. Deductions and/or charges:		
A. Total non-allowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Notes B and C).....	\$ 8,411	3540
B. Secured demand note delinquency.....	\$	3590
C. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities – proprietary capital charges.....	\$	3600
D. Other deductions and/or charges.....	\$	3610
7. Other additions and/or allowable credits (List).....	8,411	3620
8. Net capital before haircuts on securities positions.....	\$ 57,055	3630
9. Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1(f):		
A. Contractual securities commitments.....	\$	3660
B. Subordinated securities borrowings.....	\$	3670
C. Trading and investment securities:		
1. Exempted Securities.....	\$	3735
2. Debt securities.....	\$	3733
3. Options.....	\$	3730
4. Other securities.....	\$	3734
D. Undue Concentration.....	\$	3650
E. Other (List)...Money Market Funds.....	\$ 452	3736
10. Net Capital.....	(452)	3740
	\$ 56,603	3750

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6a: Non-allowable assets

Furniture and office equipment
Other assets

\$5,202
3,209
\$8,411

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT PART IIA

BROKER OR DEALER: Liberty Group, LLC as of December 31, 2002

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Part A

11. Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of line 19).....	\$ 2,597	3756
12. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A).....	\$ 5,000	3758
13. Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	\$ 5,000	3760
14. Excess net capital (line 10 less 13).....	\$ 51,603	3770
15. Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19).....	\$ 52,708	3780

COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS

16. Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition.....	\$ 38,948	3790
17. Add:		
A. Drafts for immediate credit.....	\$ 3800	
B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited.....	\$ 3810	
C. Other unrecorded amounts (List).....	\$ 3820	\$ - 3830
19. Total Aggregate indebtedness.....	\$ 38,948	3840
20. Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19/line 10).....	68.80%	3850
21. Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d).....	-	3860

COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Part B

22. 2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirement pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers of dealers and consolidated subsidiaries debits.....	\$ 3970
23. Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement or subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A).....	\$ 3880
24. Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23).....	\$ 3760
25. Excess capital (line 10 or 24).....	\$ 3910
26. Net capital excess of the greater of:	
A. 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$120,000.....	\$ 3920

NOTES:

- The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
 - Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
 - 6 2/3% of aggregated indebtedness or 4% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements or secured demand note covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of company (contra to item 1740) and partners' securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

SCHEDULE II

Liberty Group, LLC
Computation for Determination of Reserve
Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
December 31, 2002

The Company claims an exemption under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) and therefore is not subject to the reserve requirements of Rule 15c3-3.

SCHEDULE III

Liberty Group, LLC
Information Relating to the Possession or
Control Requirements Under 15c3-3
December 31, 2002

The Company claims an exemption under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) and therefore is not subject to the possession and control provision of Rule 15c3-3.

SCHEDULE IV

Liberty Group, LLC Reconciliations Pursuant To Rules 15c3-1 and 15c3-3 December 31, 2002

1. Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital to Respondent's Computation

The reconciliation between the computation per Schedule I and the respondent's computation is as follows:

	<u>Net Capital</u>	<u>Aggregate Indebtedness</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Computation per respondent	\$ 59,021	\$ 36,530	61.90%
Computation per Schedule I	<u>56,603</u>	<u>38,948</u>	68.80%
Differences	<u>\$ 2,418</u>	<u>\$ 2,418</u>	

Differences arose due to an audit adjustment for accrued expenses.

2. Reconciliation of Computation of Reserve Requirements to Respondent's Computations

The Company claims an exemption under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) and therefore is not subject to the reserve requirements of Rule 15c3-3.



To the Members of
Liberty Group, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Liberty Group, LLC, for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and the use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, NASD and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

San Francisco, California
February 7, 2003

Harb, Levy + Weiland LLP